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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *Docket to Determine the Compliance of BellSouth  
Telecommunications, Inc.'s Operations Support Systems with State  
and Federal Regulations*  
Docket No. 01-00362

Dear Mr. Waddell:

BellSouth has just been served this afternoon with a set of procedural motions filed by AT&T on Friday, November 2, 2001. AT&T chose to serve these motions by regular mail. All of the Procedural Orders entered by the Hearing Officer in this proceeding requires service on the day of filing. AT&T is also aware that the BellSouth attorneys familiar with these discovery disputes are in hearings in North Carolina tomorrow.

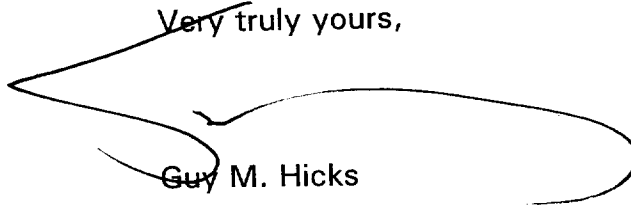
BellSouth also just received (at about 2:30 p.m.), a Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference dated today, scheduling a pre-hearing conference tomorrow to address all outstanding motions.

This is to notify the Authority that BellSouth intends to file a response to these motions, but will be unable to do so prior to tomorrow's Agenda Conference. Accordingly, BellSouth requests that the Authority not take up any of the matters addressed in AT&T's new motions until BellSouth has had the opportunity to respond. BellSouth has attempted to make arrangements to have Lisa Foshee call in to be available for a brief period at the beginning of the conference; however, she is currently in trial in North Carolina and subject to that Commission's processes. While we were hoping to have her available for the first item on tomorrow's Agenda, she will not be available for a protracted pre-hearing

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conference. We would be happy to work with the Hearing Officer and parties to establish an alternate date for the pre-hearing conference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Hicks". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop that extends to the right and then curves back down to the left, ending under the name.

Guy M. Hicks

GMH/jej

cc: Jack Robinson, Esquire (via telecopier)

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